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Inventors: Keefer, et al.

For: *System and Method Agent-Based Monitoring of Network Devices*

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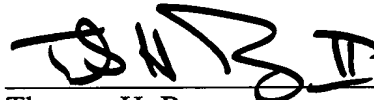
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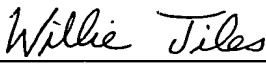
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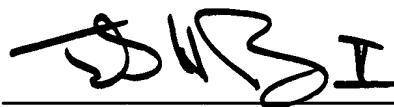
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